

attack against the chateau of Ypres and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

To the north of Ypres the Germans, by employing large quantities of incendiary bombs, the effect of which was felt for a distance of two kilometers behind our lines, forced us to retire in the direction of the Yser Canal.

Towed the west and to the direction of Ypres toward the south, the enemy's attack was checked. Vigorous counterattacks enabled us to regain ground and make many prisoners.

In the wooded valley near St. Mihiel, by an attack to the east and west of the positions previously captured, we took 2000 prisoners and made about three officers.

TWO ZEPPELINS REPORTED BLOWN UP IN A BRITISH AIR RAID.

LONDON. April 22.—British aviators are running almost at will over the German trenches in Belgium. Hours are passing and passing over the German lines, some penetrating well into German territory. Railway signal boxes have been bombed, interfering with schedules running of trains.

In his official report to-day from the front Gen. French mentions an attack by an aviator who dropped bombs on an aeroplane shed designed to house two or more of the latest type Zeppelins, just outside of Ghent. He declares that a great explosion took place in the shed and this is interpreted as meaning that the dirigibles inside of it were destroyed.

Gen. French also confirms the reports that the Germans are making the most desperate efforts to remain in Hill 62, near Ypres, having launched successive attacks only to be beaten back with very heavy losses. In this connection the General denies that there is any truth in the claims made in the German official statement that they have been able to recapture any part of the positions on the hill and commanding it.

"There is not and there never has been any truth in the German official communication that the enemy had recaptured this position," says Gen. French. "During the course of the operations around Hill No. 62 the enemy fired shells seventeen inches in diameter into the town of Ypres."

The Germans were attacking again to-day and were also attempting a drive against the British lines at La Bassée and along the bank of the canal there. On Wednesday they exploded two mines, but without doing any great damage, according to the official report. In all of their operations along the British front in Belgium the Germans are utilizing their experts.

GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS PROBABLY NOT HURT

A German Report Said He Had Been Shot by One of His Generals.

LONDON, April 22.—Emperor Nicholas arrived to-day at Lemberg, the Galician fortress which the Russians wrested from Austria early in the war. He was met at the railroad station by Grand Duke Nicholas, the Russian Commander-in-Chief, with whom he held a conference concerning the military operations along the Carpathian front.

The foregoing gives the first definite news of the whereabouts of Grand Duke Nicholas since the report of last week that he had been shot by Gen. Baron Sievers, commander of the defeated Russian Tenth Army. This report, which was published in a Prussian newspaper, was that Gen. Sievers shot the Grand Duke in the abdomen on being taken to task for his defeat in East Prussia last February, and that the General then committed suicide.

DRINK MORE WATER IF KIDNEYS BOTHER

Eat Less Meat and Take Salts for Backache or Bladder Trouble.

Uric acid in meats excites the kidneys; they become overactive, get sluggish, and feel like lumps in lead. The urine becomes dark and the kidney is irritated, and you may be obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night. When the kidneys clog you must have them flushed off the body's uriniferous waste, or you'll be a real sick person shortly. At first you feel dull misery in the kidney region, you suffer from backache, sick headache, dizziness, stomach gets sour, tongue coated and you feel rheumatic twinges when the weather is bad.

Eat less meat, drink lots of water; also get from any pharmacist four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act right.

This famous salt is made from the seed of grapes and lemon juice combined with lithium, and has been used for generations to clean clogged kidneys and to make them to normal activity, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it may not be a real source of irritation.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, cannot injure, makes a delightful after-dinner lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and active. Druggists here say they sell lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overcoming kidney trouble while it is only trouble.—Adv.

TAXPAYERS ROBBED IN A LEVY FOR MACHINE'S USES

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legislation measure that just one moment. No one knows anything about it. It is an absolute fact that the General Appropriations Bill, the Supply Bill, the Repair and Construction Bill and the Canal Bill are steep and dark mysteries to the average legislator, and they are to be adopted without careful study or consideration simply because political expediency calls for their adoption.

Senator Wagner, the minority leader, is trying to get the Legislature to adjourn until a week from next Monday in order that the Finance Committee of both Houses may take a full week to consider the bills and put them on a business basis. He hasn't had a chance to look into them; neither has Assemblyman Smith, the minority leader of the lower House, had a chance to find out what is being put across. Needless to say, Senator Wagner is not hopeful that his plaudits will be heeded.

The General Appropriations Bill, for instance, which calls for \$2,500,000, an increase of \$2,250,000 over last year—could be cut to \$2,000,000. This is admitted by members of the majority who are not totally blinded by party prejudice.

New York City taxpayers should remember, in considering these figures that in every taxable dollar that can be cut off the bills they save 70 taxable cents.

The Supply Bill, calling for \$15,000,000, could be cut to \$8,000,000.

CANAL BILL A \$3,700,000 IMPOSITION ON TAXPAYERS.

The Canal bill, calling for approximately \$3,700,000, could be cut out entirely. This appropriation, according to the best informed authorities on the status of the canal fund, is an indefensible imposition on the taxpayers.

The Construction and Repair Bill, calling for \$4,500,000, could be cut to \$4,000,000, and ample allowance would be made for necessary replacements and repairs in State institutions.

Gov. Whitman has already signed bills appropriating \$7,600,000, including \$6,000,000 for highway maintenance and repairs. At least \$2,000,000 of this appropriation for the betterment of the State roads could be repealed.

The above recapitulation, taken from figures gleaned from a careful study of conditions, show that a saving of \$14,600,000 could be made in the bills already slated for passage or signed by the Governor.

And New York City taxpayers should bear in mind that in every taxable dollar saved they benefit to the extent of 70 taxable cents.

Going into the hills upon which the direct tax is to be erected is a fearsome job—so much so that most of the legislators wouldn't think of tackling it. But here are some items of needless expenditure contemplated under the direct tax bills which cannot be disputed.

Take first the General Appropriations bill. This carries an item of \$300,000 for legislative printing. For several years this has been a supply bill item. The last Legislature had all its printing bills paid or provided for when it adjourned. The current Legislature has already appropriated in the supply bill a sum sufficient to pay for all printing.

WHAT EX-GOV. GLYNN SAYS OF DIRECT TAX.

Ex-Gov. Glynn has some pronounced ideas on the reason why there is to be a direct tax. He said to-day:

"Before Jan. 1, Republican leaders of all degrees of importance were in Albany looking over the ground. They all said pronounced views of what their party should do, and all agreed that economy was not popular; that the people like to have their money spent, and that when they were in power in possession of offices and the patronage which they could create, they would remain in power forever."

"They talked then of a direct tax of from fifteen to twenty million dollars, fixing this figure at a time when none of them had the slightest knowledge of actual conditions."

Whether the political motive which impelled them to take this position and to desire to create a great amount of official and local patronage, or whether it was a desire to create a situation next year, which would permit them to reduce appropriations by the method of economy, is outside the method of financial discussion.

"There never has been a change from this determination. There never has been an attempt to construct a financial policy based on the facts, but every attempt from December to the present has been to justify the determination which the Republicans had reached before they even were in office."

"An examination of the so-called deficiency bill which carries items amounting to \$300,000 shows that the sum of Senator Brown and his assistant spendthrifts was untrue. First, because the items which appeared in a so-called deficiency bill, for which I was responsible because of my veto, amounted only to \$16,000. If there were any other deficiencies, they would be far less than that bill, the Republican Assembly of last year is responsible for them wholly or equally with the Democratic Senate."

"DEFICIENCY" ITEMS ONLY TO INCREASE SALARIES OR JOBS.

"The State Hospitals ask for a deficiency item this year. Last year the two houses, in conference, agreed upon an appropriation for the State hospitals which granted to them every dollar they asked for, except for the items of salaries and wages. If this item is granted this year and if the house of representatives told the truth last year, \$16,000 is for increased salaries or new jobs. Many of the charitable institutions have deficiency items in this bill. In each instance the whole or considerable part of the item is an increase in salaries and wages. The appropriations for the charitable institutions were prepared by the Republican Ways and Means Committee, and adopted without change by the Democratic Senate and a Democratic Governor."

"Here we have a total of \$1,190,000 of over appropriations in only five items in the general appropriations bill. Close to another million could be picked out of numerous small items. These re-counted at only the high lights."

SUPPLY BILL FULL OF EXTRAVAGANCE IF NOT GRAFT.

Turning to the Supply Bill, we pick out some more high lights. There is

more to-day in the State Treasury than \$10,000,000 unexpended from the Statehouse budget. If any one would turn to the records of the existing contracts last fall when they were all being carried on with the State, he would find that the value of those contracts was about \$20,000,000 a month, so that the annual money now in the treasury is enough to pay for all the engineers' fees.

"There is only one explanation of the canal appropriation, and that is the fear on the part of the Legislature that the people might object to the expenditure, and they would be left with year without the engineers' pay range."

"The policy of my administration is that of any successful business man to make up his expenses within revenues, and the same is true when the income from the property was being reduced. The policy this year is to spend the money where it will do the most good."

"The following is a copy of Mr. Irving's story:

"There is no way to get into conversations with Mr. Barnes while you were talking?" asked Mr. Evans.

"I don't," snapped the Colonel.

"You have been treated in many ways."

Yes, from memory alone, added by reference to letters from Mr. Platt, I had a number of such conversations, but as to when and where and date, I could not specify."

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